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JUSTICE THOMAS KILBRIDE RELEASED FROM MEDICAL CENTER

On June 25, 2003, Justice Thomas L. Kilbride of the Supreme Court of Illinois was released from Trinity Medical Center in Rock Island where he was undergoing an extensive inpatient rehabilitation program following a bicycle accident.

He is uncertain what caused the accident, perhaps a bump or pothole or loose stones on the roadway. A passing unidentified motorist summoned help and Justice Kilbride was taken to the medical center where he underwent eight hours of surgery performed by Dr. Thomas VonGillern of Orthopedic and Rheumatology Associates of Moline. He suffered a fractured left hip, left shoulder and left elbow. Justice Kilbride was released from a treatment care unit of the hospital and was transferred to the rehabilitation unit of the medical center several days after the surgery.

Justice Kilbride is grateful for the outpouring of support and get-well wishes from colleagues, friends and the public.

"I really don't know how to express my thanks for the support and concern expressed by so many people," said Justice Kilbride. "But I thank them one and all. I thank them for their kind thoughts and their many prayers. All of the expressions of support are encouraging and uplifting to my family and me as we go forward with what my doctors assure me will be a very successful rehabilitation program.

"I am deeply indebted to Dr. VonGillern, Dr. Robert Chesser, Dr. Reynaldo Castro, the nurses, therapists and all the medical and support staff at Trinity for their competent and caring assistance to me."

Justice Kilbride extends a special thank you to the unidentified motorist who stopped at the scene of the accident and sought assistance.

Justice Kilbride has continued to work on Court business while at the rehabilitation center, and will continue the Court's work from his home until he returns to his office. Doctors expect him to make a full recovery.

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The Court's next scheduled term is in September when it meets for oral arguments and other business in Springfield. In the meantime, there are interim motions to consider as well as reading voluminous materials in advance of the September term.

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